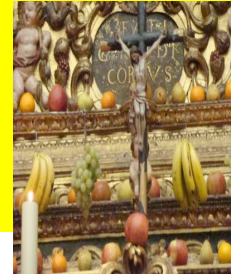


# Saint Gerard's Legend



## THE MIRACLE OF THE FRUITS



*Long ago there was an archbishop, named Don Geraldo, and he was the chief of all churches in Portugal and in Spain.*

*From time to time he visited those churches and once, when he was already very old and not very healthy he got sick in Barroso lands.*

*Those who were with him were very worried because he had high fever. The archbishop asked for some fruit juice of the trees in the backyard.*

*They went there looking for the fruits but they just found the trees with no fruits. It was winter and so it was normal that trees had no fruits.*

*The monks went back and told the archbishop that there were no fruits. Don Geraldo told them to go and look again.*

*So the monks did it again but still didn't find anything. They went back and once again they told the archbishop that they couldn't find any fruits.*

*For the third time the archbishop asked the monks to go to the backyard again and look for the fruits he wanted so badly.*

*Once again they went to the backyard not believing that they could ever find those fruits. But when they arrived there they found the trees full of fruits. It was a miracle!*

*So many centuries later, this miracle is remembered in Saint Geraldo's chapel, within the grounds of the cathedral of Braga, every 5<sup>th</sup> December when the chapel is open to anyone and decorated with fruits of all kinds.*

*The End*

## PLACES CONNECTED TO THE LEGEND “THE MIRACLE OF THE FRUITS”



*Braga is a city  
with many  
beautiful  
buildings.*



*Saint Gerard Chapel in Braga  
(within the ground of the  
Cathedral).*



*The Cathedral was built in 11th Century.*



*This baroque chapel is decorated with  
many kinds of fruits every 5th December.*

# THE COCK OF BARCELOS



Long time ago in a small town named Barcelos a crime was committed and nobody knew who had done it.

Meanwhile, a Galician pilgrim was passing by towards Santiago de Compostela Cathedral, in Spain. Being a stranger, he was considered the guilty and he was arrested and even condemned to death.

The man swore that he was innocent but nobody believed him.

As a condemned to death he beg his last wish, as it was used. He was taken to the presence of the judge and he was received in the dining room where the judge was having his dinner.

Once again the pilgrim swore that he wasn't the author of the crime he was accused of. As the judge seemed not to believe, he said that it was as true as the roast chicken that the judge was going to eat would stand up and sing.

And, in fact, the roast chicken stood up and began singing strongly.

The Galician pilgrim was immediately released.

Years later, he came back to Barcelos to order the construction of a monument in honour of the Holy Virgin and S. James.

*The End*





## PLACES CONNECTED TO THE LEGEND “The Cock of Barcelos”



*Barcelos is a Portuguese city that belongs to the Braga district.*



*Braga is a colourful and important city.*



*A picture showing the Pilgrim leaving Barcelos (Braga).*



## MIRAGAIA

*In the year 932, Ramiro, the King of Galicia, decided to kidnap Zahara, the beautiful sister of Sheikh Alboazar. In revenge, Alboazar kidnapped the no less beautiful wife of Ramiro, Queen Gaia, having both fell in love with each other.*

*Ramiro, ignoring this love, comes with his son and his soldiers towards the Moorish king's castle that stood on the left bank of the river Douro.*

*Ramiro hid his people on a hillside, under the foliage and dressed as a pilgrim, he climbed the hill and stood next to a fountain.*

*A servant came for fresh water from the source for her new mistress - the Christian. In a flash, Ramiro hid his own ring in the Moorish's jug of water. When queen Gaia found the ring in the jug of water, she understood the message and sent for the pilgrim to her presence.*

*As she was in love with the Moor, she decided to kill the Christian husband; Ramiro was rendered by the people of the Moor who, asked him what he, a Christian king, would do if he had in his hands the enemy.*

*Remembering what he had agreed with his soldiers, still hidden in the hillside, Ramiro replied that he would make the enemy eat a capon, drink lots of wine, and then post the enemy at the top of a tower to blow the horn until split.*

*Alboazar laughed and assured him that this would be his death. For added delight he decided to open the gates of the castle inviting all residents to watch it.*

*Ramiro ate, drank, was taken to the tower and blew the horn until his soldiers, hearing the signal, burst through the opened gates of the castle.*

*Ramiro himself killed Alboazar, and took his wife and entered the boat followed by his soldiers. In the boat, he looked at the weeping of his wife, and he asked why she was crying that way and she said:*

*"You ask me what I look (in Spanish you say miro)? Betrayal king, what should I watch? (Who should I "mirar"?) The towers of that Alcacer that are still steaming! There I was so happy! There I knew what love is! There will be my soul forever ...! Betrayal king, what should I watch? (Who do I Miro?) Then look (mira), Gaia! And he took his sword and said: Look (Mira), Gaia, because your eyes won't have anything else to look (mirar).*

*Still today, and according to this tradition, the hill that the king had climbed in Gaia is a street called King Ramiro, the source is Source of King Ramiro, the arms of the city of Vila Nova de Gaia include a tower surmounted by a knight playing trumpet, and the area of Porto, where the queen was killed is called Miragaia. **The End***

## PLACES CONNECTED TO THE LEGEND “MIRAGAIA”



*Porto is the city where this legend takes place. It is at the mouth of river Douro into the Atlantic Ocean. On the right bank is located the city of Porto. It is the second largest city in Portugal with 1,3 million inhabitants.*

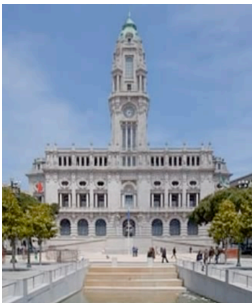


*The city of Porto has seven bridges over river Douro. “Rabelo” boats are connected to the trading of Porto wine.*



*The cellars of Porto wine are important.*

*In Porto there are many magnificent buildings like...*



*Town Hall*



*Cathedral*



*Palácio da Bolsa*